

## INAUGURATION OF IRON AGE

Authorities Differ as to the Time and Place of Its First Introduction to the World.

Some authorities incline to the view that the iron age was inaugurated in Asia or in Africa. The investigations of recent years have pointed to the conclusion that it was not worked in Egypt until the ninth century before Christ, or in Libya until 450 B. C.; that the Semite adopted its use still later, and that it has been known in Uganda only within the last five or six centuries. There are Chinese records of date about four centuries before Christ that mention iron. Bronze weapons were employed in China until about 700 A. D.

It is thought that the metallurgy of iron must have originated in Central Europe, especially in Noricum, which approximately represented modern Austria and Bavaria. Only at Hallstatt and in Bosnia and Transylvania, from which countries the Achaeans and Dorians are supposed to have migrated to Hellas, are found evidences of a gradual introduction of iron, at first as an ornament applied to the bronze which it ultimately replaced. Everywhere else iron was introduced in no gradual fashion, a fact that implies a foreign origin.

Meteoric iron was known in Egypt in remote antiquity, but no doubt it was worked as flints are worked, by cutting or chipping, and was not smelted. In other words, it was the metallurgy, not the knowledge of iron, that originated in Central Europe.

## Limit of the Borrowing Habit.

Little Margie was a frequent visitor at the Jones home, going there on errands of borrowing many times each day. On this occasion she asked the loan of a cooking utensil. But Mrs. Jones had become very much out of patience at the continual borrowing and sent word by Margie that she "had other fish to fry."

Imagine her surprise when in a few moments her neighbor's little Margie again appeared in her doorway, whispering:

"Mozzer thaid pleathe to thend thome of the fith, pleathe."

## Things Fish Can See.

It is doubtful if fish can distinguish forms outside the water, but they unquestionably can see moving objects at considerable distance. Their instinct teaches them to flee from strange moving things and from shadows thrown on the water by persons moving along the water's edge or by birds flying over. The proof that they cannot see the outlines of forms sufficiently well to distinguish between animate and inanimate objects, is that they will show no more fear of an angler standing perfectly still in the water, than they will of a tree or other harmless object. That their sight is keen in the water is evidenced by the fact that game fishes, that prey on their fellows, do much of their feeding at night, pursuing and capturing minnows and other small fish in deep, dark holes.

## JUDGE STILL HAS THE \$50

Condition Competitors Did Not Seem to Notice Went With Offer of Prize.

The walking craze of a few years ago gave a well-known sporting man an opportunity which he could not resist taking advantage of. He had handbills widely distributed on which was stated:

"A Great Crosby gentleman will give \$50 to the man, woman or child who first succeeds in doing the following task: To walk from the Pierhead (Liverpool) to Crosby village. There each competitor must buy a meat pie and walk around the Big Stone and eat it."

About a hundred entries were received, and the walk took place on Whit Monday. Much excitement prevailed and a great cheer rose as a local pedestrian was seen leading the rest of the crowd. His meat pie was soon eaten as he walked round the stone, and he went to the judge for the \$50.

"Why," exclaimed the judge, "I didn't think you could have done it. The stone seemed too hard to eat."

"What's that got to do with it?" asked the ped.

"Everything to do with it," answered the judge, "and nobody gets the \$50 till they do it."—London Tit-Bits.

## Mother Kangaroo's Bravery.

During a severe drought in a certain section of Australia, the owner of a country station was sitting one evening on the porch when he saw a kangaroo lingering about, alternately approaching and retiring from the house, as if half in doubt and fear what to do.

At length she approached the water pails, and, taking a young one from her pouch, held it to the water to drink.

While her baby was satisfying its thirst the mother was quivering all over with apprehension, for she was but a few feet from the porch where one of her foes was watching her.

The baby having finished drinking, it was replaced in the pouch and the old kangaroo set off at a rapid pace.

The spectator was so much impressed by the astonishing bravery of the affectionate mother that he made a vow—and kept it—never again to shoot a kangaroo.

## Praise Be, the Brother Was Lying.

Police courts are not always marked by an atmosphere of piety, but the exception to the rule occurred in a court where a very religious man, against whom one of the neighbors had made a complaint, was being tried for some trivial offense. The complaining witness was called to the stand to relate his side of the story, and the defendant listened closely for several minutes. Then his personal feelings overrode court etiquette and he rushed up to the judge, fervently exclaiming: "Your honor, the brother is lying. Praise the Lord!"

## Self-Depreciation Too Prevalent.

For one man who thinks too much of himself there are a hundred who think too little.—Exchange.

## FINAL RECOGNITION AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE POLAR ATTAINMENT

"The American eagle has spread its wings of glory over the world's top. Whether there is room for one or two under those wings, that is a question which each must decide for himself." The late Rear Admiral W. S. Schley said, "There is room enough at the pole for two, and judging from the parallel data offered in both reports the only interpretation is that each is the eyewitness of the other's success. My conclusion was reached after a careful study of both claims and it will take more than the academic lever of the armchair geographer to change my conviction." This is now the opinion of practically all Arctic explorers.

Governor Brown of Georgia, himself a traveler of wide experience, reached a similar conclusion by a similar process of reasoning and then said, "If it is true, as Peary would like us to believe, that Dr. Cook has handed the world a gold brick, then Peary has offered a paste diamond."

## DR. COOK'S VALID CLAIM

By Captain Thomas F. Hall of Omaha, Neb.

Dr. Cook's narrative has been before the public nearly two years. It has been subject to the most minute scrutiny that invention, talent and money could give. It is today absolutely unscathed. Not one item in it from beginning to end has been truthfully discredited. It stands unimpeached. Mud enough has been thrown. Bribery and conspiracy have done their worst. A campaign of infamy has been waged, and spent its force; but not one solitary sentence has been proven wrong. Musk-ox fakes, starved dogs, fictitious astronomical, or other calculations may have some effect on popular opinion; but they have none on the actual facts. They do not budge the truth a hair's breadth and they do not make history.

Dr. Cook's claim to the discovery of the North Pole is as sound and as valid as the other claims of discovery, or the achievement of any one preceding him in the Arctic or the Antarctic. Though the armchair geographers refuse to place the credit for priority where it belongs, practically all the Arctic explorers now concede that Dr. Cook was the first to reach the Pole. It remains to be seen whether political trickery can change this verdict.

## REV. GEORGE R.

McNUTT, "The Dinner Pail Man."

A farmer boy, Hoosier born, from Douglass county, Ill., student for a year at Princeton university, a graduate of Wabash college, Mr. McNutt became a Presbyterian preacher at Urbana, Ill.

To the west of the church was the University of Illinois with its army of students; to the east, the shops of the Big Four railroad with its five hundred dinner-pail men. Thus, from the first, the preacher was confronted with the practical relations of culture and democracy. Are pews empty of certain classes? Why? To guess is easy.

After preaching fifteen years in Urbana, Indianapolis, New York



REV. GEORGE R. McNUTT.

City, and the far west, Mr. McNutt entered the University of Hard Knocks, to study, first hand, social and economic questions. Beginning as a roustabout, in an iron mill, the preacher worked incog. through Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Boston, and through New England, up into Maine.

For seven years the man from the pulpit, with his wife and boys, lived the life of the unskilled day laborer's family, studying the problems and conditions of the laboring man and his family today, in the laboratories of living men. Everywhere Mr. McNutt is known as the Dinner-pail Man, having added the title D. P. M. from the ranks of the toilers, to the A. M. from the groves of the academy, and the Rev. from the preacher's study.

Plan to attend the Chautauqua from August 17 to 25th.

## WHAT FOLK HAS DONE.

Governor Folk has had a remarkable political career. Since his advent into the arena of Missouri's political life, the state has been revolutionized. The things he has accomplished are difficult of brief enumeration.

As circuit attorney of St. Louis he exposed more official corruption than was ever laid bare before in the history of the world.

When he commenced, bribery was the common and accepted thing. It was regarded as merely conventional. The revelations he made awoke a slumbering public conscience, and the moral wave now rolling over the land is the result.

Meeting with the fiercest opposition in his work of eradicating corruption, denounced and vilified by corruptionists of every kind, he took his fight before the people. In the



EX-GOV. JOS. W. FOLK OF MISSOURI.

face of the bitterest contest in the history of American politics he won the nomination of the democratic party of his state for governor by an overwhelming majority. Again in the campaign for election every venal influence combined against him, and again he triumphed. He was elected, while the others on the ticket, who were not fought as he was, were defeated. He carried Missouri by 30,100 for governor at the same election Roosevelt on the opposite ticket carried the state by 25,000.

In this campaign he announced the doctrine known as the "Missouri idea," which is familiar in every part of the earth today. This idea is that citizenship in a free country implies a civic obligation to enforce the performance of every public trust; that bribery is treason, and the givers and takers of bribes are the traitors of peace; that laws are made to be enforced, not to be ignored; that officials should no more embezzle the public power entrusted to them than public money in their custody.

His was the first of the great battles for reform before the people, and the principles he declared as the inspiration of the crusade for higher ideal of public life.

Ex-Gov. Folk is still carrying the banner for purity in politics. Freedom from office holding has but given him more time to fight the good fight. Whereas, St. Louis was his battlefield, then Missouri, it is now a national issue and Folk of Missouri is spreading a new civic gospel which reaches back to Calvary and the Golden Rule and is spreading from the Empire State to California, is bearing good fruit on the bloody ground of Kentucky and raising new standards in Louisiana.

Why, if I could send my children to a college great and grand Where they'd have the best instructors to be found in all the land For a little old two dollars, and didn't do it; then

I would be ashamed to ever look 'em in the face again!

Yet The Chautauqua brings it to us brings the college to our door With the biggest brained instructor to be found from shore to shore.

Will I miss it? I don't reckon! Will I let the chance go by

Just 'cause money ain't too plenty? If I do, I hope to die 'Fore The Chautauqua.

Ma and me? Sh-h? That's a secret!

I want that for a surprise

That will set the light-a-dancin' line when courtin' in her eyes;

Ma's jest set her heart on goin', but I'm as quiet as a rat.

Actin' like it was too costly, Shucks! Two dollars—what is that?

To the pleasure and the good that it'll give us, one and all!

Fun, instruction, entertainment! Why, the price is lots too small!

If it cost us fifty dollars, long as I could raise the pile

We would be there every session—so you'll see us, I should smile,

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## Program

### AUGUST 17

2:30 Prelude.....Van Buskirk's Concert Company  
3:00 Lecture.....Dr. John Wesley Hill  
7:30 Prelude.....Van Buskirk's Concert Company  
8:00 Concert.....Van Buskirk's Concert Company

### AUGUST 18

2:30 Prelude.....J. Dale Stentz, Soloist  
3:00 Lecture.....Dr. Edward S. Stucker  
7:30 Prelude.....J. Dale Stentz, Soloist  
8:00 Lecture.....Dr. Z. C. Batten

### AUGUST 19

2:30 Prelude.....Lyric Glee Club  
3:00 Lecture.....Dr. Frederick A. Cook  
7:30 Prelude.....Lyric Glee Club  
8:00 Concert.....Lyric Glee Club

### AUGUST 20

2:30 Prelude.....Enos Bacon  
3:00 Lecture.....Ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk  
7:30 Prelude.....Enos Bacon  
8:00 Lecture.....Geo. L. McNutt, "The Dinner Pail Man"

### AUGUST 21

2:30 Prelude.....Ciricillo's Italian Band  
3:00 Lecture.....Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis  
7:30 Prelude.....Ciricillo's Italian Band  
8:00 Concert.....Ciricillo's Italian Band

### AUGUST 22

2:30 Prelude.....Alpine Tyrolean Yodlers  
3:00 Lecture.....Prof. H. A. Adrian on Burbank's Creations  
7:30 Prelude.....Alpine Tyrolean Yodlers  
8:00 Entertainment.....Ralph Bingham

### AUGUST 23

2:30 Prelude.....Wagner-Shank Concert Company  
3:00 Lecture.....Prof. Montreville M. Wood  
7:30 Prelude.....Wagner-Shank Concert Company  
8:00 Concert.....Wagner-Shank Concert Company

### AUGUST 24

2:30 Prelude.....Highland Ladies Orchestra  
3:00 Lecture.....Booker T. Washington  
7:30 Prelude.....Highland Ladies Orchestra  
8:00 Entertainment.....Arthur B. Kachel, Monologist

### AUGUST 25

2:30 .....(to be filled)  
3:00 Lecture.....Dr. N. McGee Waters  
7:30 .....(to be filled)  
8:00 .....(to be filled)

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